

As an Extra Class Ham and member of SATERN, (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network), Navy-Marine Corps MARS, (Military Affiliate Radio System) and SHARES, (SHARED RESources, The National Emergency Communication System under the Dept. of Homeland Security), I ask you, do we need yet MORE noise to add to what we already suffer from neighborhood machinery, fluorescent and neon lights, arching power line insulators (and transformers), ignition noise from passing Fords (and other makes as well), on top of natural static from the hundred or so thunderstorms around the planet at any given time... the list goes on, and pile all this on when trying to get an emergency message through during a geomagnetic storm, things get awfully hairy, so do we need the additional garbage on emergency frequencies between two and thirty megaHertz used by MARS and SHARES, (not to mention the emergency networks run by Hams), just TRY to deal with what we already have some time, then add to that the ADDITIONAL garbage to be created by somebody down the road enjoying his or her internet via BPL, I say the surfer and the ISP are guilty of wilful interference, and we might as well go back the spark gap transmitters of a hundred years ago.

You want to get your internet? It's already available anywhere in the U.S., by phone line, (dial-up or T-1), satellite, cellphone, or microwave link to a server up to 20-30 miles away. That's FIVE options available to most people, and at least two, (dial-up and satellite) are available everywhere!

Remember that High Frequency radio, 2-30 MHz, (the bandwidth proposed to hang on our power lines), is the ONLY means of emergency communication more than 50 miles during a disaster when power, phones, (cell and wired), and internet are out during a disaster!

Give us, the people who already deal with hellacious interference a break from more, UNNECESSARY garbage introduced into our antennas. Don't we have enough now? I SAY, "ENOUGH!" KILL BPL and let it rest alongside the old rotary spark gaps and other relics of yestercenury! This is the 21st century, not the 19th.

Thank you for your consideration.

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